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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE TO AUSTRIA: PAKISTAN EARTHQUAKE RELIEF
AND REHABILITATION

REF: A. (A) STATE 195483

1B. (B) VIENNA 3427 AND PREVIOUS

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11. (SBU) Charge presented ref (a) points on October 24 to Austrian Foreign Ministry Secretary General Johannes Kyrle, who is currently acting deputy Foreign Minister. Charge expressed appreciation for Austria's deployment of a military unit of 60 troops with water purification equipment to the disaster region, but pointed to the specific need for winterized tents and the failure to reach the UN flash appeal targets. Kyrle said he would coordinate with other elements of the Austrian government. He said it was important that the Austrian government have an "official request" upon which to base an offer of assistance, and said he would use the current demarche in that capacity.
van Voorst